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SUBJECT: PDRY INITIATIVES VIS A VIS UAE

REF: A) MUSCAT 257; B) ABU DHABI 591 (NOTAL)

1. DURING COURSE OF MARCH 31 CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN UNDER-SECRETARY AL-ALAWI, EMBOFF RAISED SUBJECT OF RECENT VISIT TO OMAN BY UAE MINISTER SAYF IBN GHUBASH. AL-ALAWI STATED THAT PURPOSE OF VISIT HAD BEEN TO DELIVER LETTER FROM SHEIKH ZAYID IN RESPONSE TO ONE FROM SULTAN QABOOS WHICH HE (AL-ALAWI) HAD DISCUSSED WHILE IN ABU DHABI.

2. CONVERSATION BETWEEN SULTAN AND GHUBASH PREDICTABLY FOCUSED ON RECENT VISIT TO ABU DHABI BY PDRY FONMIN MUTEI. ACCORDING TO AL-ALAWI, SHEIKH ZAYID REMAINS FIRMS IN  
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CONDITIONING BOTH DIRECT AID AND ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC

RELATIONS ON TERMINATION OF PDRY SUPPORT FOR PFLO. UWFG DID, HOWEVER, OFFER TO UNDERWRITE COST OF SOME PDRY PROGRAMS, PRIMARILY IN FIELD OF EDUCATION; THIS WOULD BE DONE THROUGH UAEG PAYMENT MADE DIRECTLY TO EGYPTIANS, FOR EXAMPLE, EITHER FOR PDRY SCHOLARSHIPS OR CONTRACTING OF EGYPTIANS TEACHERS TO WORK IN PDRY.

3. AL-ALAWI STATED THAT, BOTH DURING HIS VISIT TO ABU DHABI AND WHEN GHUBASH VISITED OMAN, OMANGOV MADE CLEAR THAT IT WOULD NOT TOLERATE ESTABLISHMENT OF PDRY DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE IN UAE GIVEN PRESENT PDRY/PFLO RELATIONSHIPS. (COMMENT: HOW OMANGOV COULD ENFORCE ITS DETERMINATION IN THIS REGARD IS A MOOT POINT.)

4. FINALLY, AL-ALAWI VOLUNTEERED THAT UAE FONMIN SUWAIDI MORE INCLINED TO WORK WITH PDRY THAN IS SHEIKH ZAYID. THIS ECHOES INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTTEL (B). WE ASSUME THAT IN SUCH AN UNEQUAL CONTEST, SHEIKH ZAYID'S VIEWS WILL PREVAIL AND THAT OMANIS CAN REST EASY FOR TIME BEING.  
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